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February 26, 2020

The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Chair  
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
Room 3 West, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

**RE: SB 788 – Income Tax – Credit for Community - Based Faculty Clinicians – Letter of Information**

Dear Chairman Guzzone and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (Department) respectfully submits this letter of Information for Senate Bill 788 (SB 788) – Income Tax – Credit for Community – Based Faculty Clinicians. This bill would create a new category of health care professional eligible for the preceptor tax-credit program (Program).

The Department would like to thank the bill sponsor of SB 788 for sharing her amendments to the original bill. These amendments resolve many of our questions about how the Program would operate for Physician Assistants, including how it would be paid for by a new special fund under the Board of Physician Assistants. However, the amendments do not address our question about the implementation date of this bill with respect to the abrogation of the Program in current statute. As amended, SB 788 will result in both current and new Program requirements being in effect for the 2020 tax year and the first half of the 2021 tax year. Should the Committee wish to move forward with SB 788, the Department respectfully requests that the Committee refer the bill to a workgroup or subcommittee. Doing so would allow relevant stakeholders to address any technical drafting questions, and ensure the bill realizes the Committee's intent in Maryland statute.

I hope this information is useful. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Director of Governmental Affairs, Webster Ye, at (410) 260-3190 or [webster.ye@maryland.gov](mailto:webster.ye@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert R. Neall", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert R. Neall  
Secretary